DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

Computer Security Subcommittee

3 October 1978 DCISEC-CSS-M116

Computer Security Subcommittee of the Director Central Intelligence Security Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held at

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1. The one hundred and sixteenth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was held at 0930 on 28 September 1978 in In attendance were:

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Capt. Ron Pherigo, Air Force Member
Mr. Lynn Culkowski, Air Force Alternate
Mr. Jon Arbogast, FBI Member
Mr. James Studer, Army Member

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Capt. John Thompson, Air Force OSI

- 2. The minutes of 7 September 1978 were approved as written.
- The Chairman introduced Capt. John Thompson, Air Force, Chairman of the R&D Computer Security Working Group for Audio Countermeasures. Capt. Thompson briefed the Subcommittee on the activity of his working group. He stated that the objective of the Audio countermeasures program is the detection of audio surveillance devices. The working group feels that computers should be a part of the inspection program. Consequently, the R&D Subcommittee is exploring areas of research in computing hardware. Specifically, the implantation of surreptious audio devices and the detection thereof. The working group prepared a checklist to be used by the security technical personnel in their inspection program of computer facilities. A copy of the checklist was examined by the membership. Several areas of examination advocated by the checklist presents concern to the membership. For example, concern with proper use of passwords and auditing functions. membership indicated to Capt. Thompson that these were areas of

responsibility delegated to the Information System Security Officer (ISSO) as stated in DCID 1/16. Capt. Thompson indicated that he is willing to make changes to the checklist. He also is seeking advise on where to apply R&D funds for research in audio countermeasures as it relates to computer facilities. The membership requested Capt. Thompson to provide the CSS an opportunity to formally comment on the checklist. Also, the CSS offered assistance in identifying R&D projects of an audio countermeasures nature in computing facilities.

4. The Chairman requested those members assigned to a Committee Action Resolution (CAR) to appoint a Chairman of the woking group. The following will Chair the CAR's.

CAR #1 - CIA

CAR #2 - NSA

CAR #3 - Army

CAR #4 - Air Force

5. The Chairman announced that NSA has STAT been selected as the Chairman of this Subcommittee.

6. The next scheduled meeting will be announced by the newly appointed Chairman.

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